

Political Weekly Review.

BY JOHN E. BRUCE.

When a well known newspaper man in Columbus, O., gave out a statement some years ago to the effect that Hon. H. C. Smith of the Cleveland Gazette had in a public speech referred to the flag of his country as a "dirty rag," that gentleman stood on his head and tried to spit backward, and in his lucid intervals hurled several kinds of adjectives at his enemies and made noise enough with his pen and mouth for 16 men of his size.

Ordinarily a little thing like that would have been passed by in silence, but it so happened that Mr. Smith was a candidate for office, and if he did not succeed in giving the lie to his accusers and in proving that he is an ardent lover of Old Glory it was not his fault. Nobody with an ounce of brains paid any attention to the charge; nobody cared a rap whether he had abused the flag or praised it, for they well knew that nothing that Mr. Smith or anybody else could say could detract one iota from it. But Mr. Smith seemed to be of opinion that the statement—evidently made in a spirit of raillery—was an attack on his patriotism, and he seems to have thrown a fit three times a day until the day of his election to the legislature of Ohio. Since then he has been vindicating himself in his paper, and roasting every other fellow who has said anything against the administration.

What boots it if Mr. Fortune did criticize President McKinley? Is he not now a good administration Republican? Isn't he doing as much or more than Mr. Smith is doing to secure the re-election of the president? Is Mr. Fortune a paramount issue in this campaign? He is not a candidate for any office, big or little, but just a plain, aggressive Republican, with views which he is not afraid to express, and he'd be a big fool if he didn't change his opinions of men and things occasionally. If Mr. Smith is going to set himself up as a censor of the political morals of his fellows and draw the deadly parallel on all Republicans, he'll find lots of them who have said things equally as bad as he has said about the president and the flag in the heat of passion and their excess of zeal, which they are now willing to forget in the interest of party harmony. Personal attacks on individual Republicans do not show good judgment, wisdom or common sense. Who cares what any man said or did ten months or ten years ago? "Wise men change often, fools never." The paramount question is, What does he say or believe now? The eternal now is worth a thousand yesterdays. Let Mr. Smith pull himself together and take aim at the common enemy—the Democratic party. There is nothing to be gained in fighting Republicans.

The Hon. John B. Stanchfield, the Democratic nominee for governor of New York, is SUB-STANCHIALLY licked. His votes in the legislature against the labor interests and his speeches in favor of expansion, a section of one of which is quoted in the New York Sun of Sept. 13, shows him to be one of those elastic and accommodating statesmen who are not averse to being on both sides of any question. His speech of Feb. 17, 1899, wherein he indorses the policy of this administration in the Philippines, Porto Rico and Cuba, is "a good enough Morgan" to elect the entire Republican state ticket this year and give it a few votes to spare.

Manifestly Mr. Stanchfield is not the

kind of a Democrat who is likely to rally around him the dyed in the wool brethren of his political faith, for his views are decidedly out of harmony with theirs on the question of expansion.

Mr. Stanchfield's services may be needed after Nov. 6 to stanch the wounds which these brethren will inflict upon each other in the mix up scheduled to eventuate at any time during the campaign. "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together" in Tammany!

The platform adopted at Saratoga by the Democratic convention among other things declares in favor of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. It reads very smoothly in spots and is plausible enough in its way. But we cannot overlook the fact that it is a huge joke perpetrated with malign intent.

If a chain is no stronger than its weakest part, the Democratic party of New York and of the nation is no stronger than the weak and corrupt branches of that party which now disgrace it as a party in every southern state by its obstinate and arbitrary refusal to recognize the right of sovereign citizens to participate in the administration of local and state governments at the south.

The Democratic party cannot blow hot in the north and cold in the south on this vital question. It cannot be one thing in the north, another thing in the south and the whole thing when it triumphs by fraud, misrepresentation and force.

As long as the south tramples underfoot the rights of any class of citizens and denies them the opportunity to share the burdens and the benefits of citizenship Democratic assertion about the "consent of the governed" and government of the people, etc., must

The Tammany contingent in the New York legislature is composed of men whose intellectual re-enforcement is not their most distinguishing characteristic. They are, with few honorable exceptions, keepers of low dives, patrons of the prize ring, owners of gambling hells and proprietors of vaudeville theaters, and incidentally, statesmen (God save the mark). All of them, regardless of their moral and intellectual delinquencies, regard themselves as superior to the most cultivated "coon." The colored man who can consistently follow in the wake of these leaders or vote to keep them "en evidence" is more than one kind of a fool and will deserve all the contempt they can heap on him.

Although Bishop W. B. Derrick has specifically and unequivocally denied through the press, by letter and orally, that he is not in sympathy with the cause which Mr. Bryan represents and that he would not vote for that political visionary for president, somebody who is probably in the pay of the Democratic literary bureau persists in reiterating the statement that the bishop will support Bryan. The bishop again desires to state in the strongest possible terms that he has no sympathy whatever with the Bryanized Democracy and that any statement to the contrary is a shameless and cowardly falsehood. He will devote all of his energies and influence and time to help secure the election of William McKinley.

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Mr. B. B. Slade, the tailor had a very successful season in Atlantic City this summer and expects to open a first class tailoring establishment in this city at 1202 E street n. w., very soon.

HON. SHELBY M. CULLOM.

The Old Commoner of the State of Illinois—A Champion of Manhood Rights and American Citizenship.

The State of Illinois has been fortunate since her admission to the sisterhood of states in sending to the upper branch of Congress her ablest and best men to represent her in that august body. There have been none since 1818 elected to the United States Senate more able, more honest, more eloquent and more devoted to the interests of that great State than Hon. Shelby M. Cullom. Starting in public life as a member of the State legislature as early as 1856, he prepared himself thoroughly for the great work which he



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was to follow in his noted career. Since that time he has been known in public life—one of the most thorough and careful legislators and statesmen who has ever held a position in public life. He came to Washington as Congressman in 1864. These were trying years. That great internecine strife—the War of the Rebellion was just closing and President Lincoln, the great war President and the martyr of the American Republic, was occupying the center of the stage. The Southern confederacy was dying. More than four (4,000,000) millions of black Americans were emancipated. Young Cullom entered upon the stage of action at this historic time. He played an important part in all debates. Mr. Lincoln needed staunch and true friends to carry out the policy of his administration. President Lincoln was not mistaken in his friendships. He made few mistakes in selecting his friends. He knew young Cullom when he came to Springfield, a mere youth, to study law. How well young Cullom sustained the hands of the great war President is a matter of history. How much he resembled President Lincoln is often commented upon. He was in the lower House during the early part of the days of Reconstruction and participated in the work that finally brought peace and prosperity to the country. He believed then as now in the freedom of all men, and no one at that time advocated more eloquently nor more sincerely the rights to be granted to the slaves then emancipated. Not a single iota or scrap of legislation for the good of the people has passed the United States Senate since his entrance into that great body in 1883 that doesn't bear the consideration and the mark of approval of Senator Cullom's active presence. He was the champion of the Interstate Commerce Bill that was being urgently pushed by the people of the country. At the time of the agitation of this measure, it was regarded by many statesmen as "thin ice to walk upon," but Senator Cullom has an original way of thinking for himself. He thought the measure just, and con-

tinued to fight until it became a law. Every interest of the great State of Illinois is well cared for by Senator Cullom. He is in touch with the masses and is the friend of the whole people. Their interest is his. Prominent colored men the country over have always regarded him and found him the friend of the Negro at all times and under all circumstances. He has always advocated legislation that would better the condition of the colored people, and has always taken advanced ground in regard to the duty of the American people to those whom they had kept in slavery. On January 16th he presented a petition from the colored citizens of Illinois asking for the protection of their civil and political rights. In referring the petition to the Judiciary Committee Senator Cullom said:

"The petition technically simply calls for the execution of law. I happen to know from the gentleman who sends the petition, and who is at the head of an organization, a gentleman by the name of Dr. Magee, of Chicago, that they desire such legislation, if it does not already exist, as will protect colored people from lynching and murder without the authority of law. I merely desire to call the attention of the chairman of the committee on the Judiciary to the petition in the hope that that committee may be able to do something that will give greater protection to the colored people of this country in their rights as citizens."

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